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To continue and amend certain Acts for appointing Commissioners to enquire into the Fees, Gratuities, Perquisites, and Emoluments, received in several Public Offices in *Ireland*; to examine into any Abuses which may exist in the same, and into the Mode of receiving, collecting, issuing, and accounting for Public Money in *Ireland*.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS an Act was made in the forty-fourth year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for appointing "until the fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and "five, Commissioners to enquire into the Fees, Gratuities, Per- "quisites, and Emoluments, which are or have been lately received in the "several Public Offices in *Ireland* therein mentioned, to examine into any "Abuses which may exist in the same, and into the present Mode of re- "ceiving, collecting, issuing and accounting for Public Money in *Ireland*;" and the said recited Act has by certain Acts made in the forty-fifth and forty-seventh years of His present Majesty's Reign, been continued, with Amendments, until the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eight, and from thence until the end of the then next Session of Parliament: Preamble: 44 Geo. III. c. 106. 45 Geo. III. c. 65. 47 Geo. III. s. 1. c. 41.

2 And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Acts should be continued, and that the Powers of the said Commissioners should be enlarged in manner hereinafter mentioned;

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Acts of the forty-fourth and forty-seventh years aforesaid, shall be and the same are hereby continued for the term hereinafter mentioned. Acts further continued.

AND whereas various Charges are set forth in the Public Accounts of *Ireland*, of Balances due by persons entrusted with the receipt, custody or collection Commissioners of Enquiry under recited Acts, em-

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powered to examine into the Balances due from Collectors of Revenue.

collection of His Majeſty's Revenues there, and ſeveral Sums appear in the ſaid Accounts to be in arrear; BE it further Enacted, That the Commiſſioners appointed under the ſaid recited Acts ſhall and they are hereby empowered and required to proceed as ſoon as may be to inveſtigate and examine into all Balances and Arrears due unto His Majeſty for or on account of any ſum or ſums received for his uſe, and into all Arrears of any Revenue Tax Charge or Impoſition remaining or alledged to remain due or unpaid, and to ſettle and aſcertain the ſame, and to ſtate ſeparately ſuch parts of ſuch Balauces and Arrears as ſhall appear to them inſolvent, and for the recovery of which they ſhall not think it adviſable that legal proceſs ſhould be inſtituted or continued, with their reaſon for ſo thinking ſet forth in each caſe; and in like manner, to ſtate ſeparately all the other parts of ſuch Balances and Arrears which they ſhall not deem inſolvent, with their opinions as to the means which ought to be purſued, and againſt whom and in what manner for the recovery of each; and alſo ſuch general Rules or Regulations as they may think proper to be adopted for keeping down all ſuch Balances and Arrears in future, and for the more eaſily aſcertainiug from time to time ſuch parts thereof as may be inſolvent, and recovering all the other parts with the leaſt delay and expence.

Powers of 44 Geo. III. c. 106. and 47 Geo. III. c. 41. extended to this Act.

And be it further Enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities given to the ſaid Commiſſioners in and by the ſaid recited Act of the forty-fourth year, or by an Act paſſed in the forty-ſeventh year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign for continuing the ſaid Act of the forty-fourth year, and all Clauſes, Proviſions, Rules and Regulations, reſpecting the proceedings of ſuch Commiſſioners, or reſpecting the conduct of perſons to be called before and examined by the ſaid Commiſſioners on oath, and all Penalties on perſons giving falſe evidence in the ſaid recited Acts of the forty-fourth and forty-ſeventh years or either of them mentioned and contained, ſhall be applied and put in force in the execution of this Act, as fully and effectually to all intents and purpoſes as if the ſame were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Iriſh Treaſury authorized to iſſue Money for Clerks and others under Commiſſioners.

And be it further Enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury in *Ireland*, or the Lord High Treaſurer of *Ireland* for the time being, and they are hereby authorized and required to iſſue and cauſe to be iſſued, over and above the ſums mentioned in the ſaid recited Acts of the forty-fourth and forty-ſeventh years aforeſaid, a further ſum of Money, not exceeding to ſuch perſon or perſons as the Commiſſioners under the ſaid recited Acts, or any or more of them ſhall by writing under their hands deſire or direct, out of any part of the Public Monies remaining in His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, which ſums ſo iſſued and paid ſhall be employed for the payment of Clerks, Meſſengers and other Officers, and in defraying all other neceſſary Charges in or about the execution of the powers of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, and in ſuch manner and ſuch proportions as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners or any or more of them, by writing under their hands and ſeals in that behalf, and that ſuch ſums ſhall be accounted for by the perſon or perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be iſſued or paid according to the courſe of His Majeſty's Exchequer of *Ireland*, without any Fees or other Charges to be taken or demanded for the iſſuing or payment of the ſame on the paſſing of the ſaid Accounts, other than ſuch ſum as the ſaid Commiſſioners or any or more of them ſhall appoint.

Continuance of Act.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act ſhall continue in force until the

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To continue and amend certain Acts for appointing Commiſſioners to enquire into the Fees, Gratuities, Perquiſites, and Emoluments, received in ſeveral Public Offices in *Ireland*; to examine into any Abuſes which may exiſt in the ſame, and into the Mode of receiving, collecting, iſſuing, and accounting for Public Money in *Ireland*.

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